GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3807
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PROCUREMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES
KANTI SINGH;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to remarks made by Dr. Satish Jain ofAll India Institute of Medical Sciences at the Asian and Oceanian Epilepsy Congress held in NewDelhi that `the quality of CGHS supply of medicines are of high suspect` and medicines purchased from market are more effective;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government propose to look afresh in the procurement of drugs and other medicines by the CGHS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(e): The Government Medical Store Depots(GMSD) of the Medical Stores Organisation supplying medicines to the CGHS gets each and every batch of the medicines tested through Govt. approved laboratories. The medicines are supplied by the GMSDs to the CGHS only after gettingsatisfactory test report from the said laboratories. Hence, the question of supply of medicines of high suspect by the GMSDs does not arise.